

District 1-J Journal

Home of Lionism

From the Governor's Desk . . .



THANKS!

Thank you, Lions, Leos, and Lionesses of District 1-J for the privilege of serving as your Governor for 2008 – 2009.

Hundreds, thousands, actually over 1,300,000 Lions worldwide, have worked to serve people in need this Lion Year, and District 1-J was a good part of that service.

As of May 31, 2009, District 1-J had 2,747 Lions making it the district with the most Lions in Multiple District 1.

New members since July 1, 2008, number 161.

Keep up the good service, and have fun doing it. Lions are about service to people in need.

SANDWICH IN TIME FOR SERVICE. You have given generously of your time, talents, and money to make **MIRACLES THROUGH SERVICE.**

THANKS! THANKS! THANKS! THANKS! THANKS!

MORE STATISTICS

Although District 1-J has added 161 new members from July 1, 2008, through May 31, 2009, and continues to have the most Lions of any district in Illinois, we have also dropped 241 members resulting in a net loss in membership of -80. Two clubs that had been declining in membership and leadership for many years were dropped this year. District 1-J has 72 Lions Clubs as of May 31, 2009.

Unfortunately our District statistics parallel the statistics for the United States and Affiliates, Bermuda, and Bahamas. Our area continues to have the most Lions in the world with 379,632, but has a net loss in membership from July 1, 2008, through May 31, 2009, of 6,464. During the same time India, South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East have a net gain in membership of 23,428.

ON TO THE FUTURE

On May 30, 2009, I attended a training session at the Lions of Illinois, Inc. state office in Petersburg, Illinois. There I learned about my job as District 1-J Chairperson for Lions Clubs International Foundation. District 1-J traditionally assigns the Immediate Past District Governor to that position. I look forward to attending Region and Club meetings to share information about LCIF, the official charitable organization of Lions Clubs International.

I extend best wishes to District Governor-Elect George Edean, Lion Sharon, and all Lions, Leos, and Lionesses of District 1-J for next Lion Year.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Nancy Rex, Governor, District 1 - J

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More 'Round the District PIX

The 1-J Journal is posted monthly on the District 1-J web site at **www.district1jlions.org**
Use it often – always something new!

Contact Lion Dave Stryker or Lion Sandy Williams if you've ideas or suggestions for website or the 1-J Journal




And Now We Say Good Bye To . . .

Lion Cal Defenbau
Lombard Lions Club

Lion Larry Williams
Algonquin Lions Club

Lion Michael Williams
Wheaton Lions Club

Lion Art Metz
Richmond Lions Club



F. Y. I.

Official Notice of Amendments and Official Convention Call

Be advised that the

Official Notice of Amendments

and the Official Convention Call

for the 2009 International Convention

at Minneapolis, MN is now available

on the Lions Clubs International website,

www.lionsclubs.org.

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From Your District Governor-Elect . . .

Lions, I want to thank you for your support in electing me as your Governor at our District Convention. It will be my honor and privilege to serve you and District 1-J.

I have read all of your Club Newsletters and Reports, which have shown me that you are doing Lions' work in helping and serving those in need. Keep up the good work, I want to thank you for all of those that have been helped.

Both my wife, Lion Sharon, and I are looking forward to the Lions International Convention in Minneapolis, MN, and we are looking forward to working with you for Lionism.

DG-E Lion George Endean

Bowling and Schooling Pins Are In

The Bowling and Schooling pins are in. Cabinet Secy/Treas Lion Dave Stryker will be handing them out with help of Zone Chairpeople over the next several months.

We also have District Pins. Lion Dave has some and Lion Wally Hanford also has some. These are \$3.00 each.

Notes For Lions Club Secretaries --

You will be able to print up your club's 2009-2010 Membership Cards from the listing of your club members on-line. In fact, clubs using the WMMR site to do the Monthly Reports **will not** receive printed membership cards any longer. Directions for doing so are printed on the first page of the WMMR site before you log on to do your reports.

Be sure to print out a Roster Listing of the club members (with all data) prior to printing up your cards to check that each member's information is correct. Update information, if necessary, then go ahead with the Membership Card instructions. *Now, if we could just disseminate the Membership Cards electronically to our members, we'd have it made, wouldn't we?*

For current Club Secretaries -- *Don't forget to file your club's A-1 Report by June 30th -- it can only be done on-line under LCI's Activity Report.* This data, reported by Lions Clubs around the world, is used by LCI's Program Development Dept. to determine areas where clubs give their volunteer hours and dollars in the community. From these figures, new programs are developed by LCI for Lions Clubs.

For very new Club Secretaries -- on the WMMR site there is a Training Area just below the space where you log on to file reports. You do not have to be logged on to use the Training Area. *It does help to be able to practice before actually filing your reports -- the learning curve is not huge. Also, be sure to take advantage of any guides available to you at the bottom of that first page.*

Plea For Region Reporters -- Again

Yes, Lion Sandy did get some answers to her plea in last month's issue . . . In fact, several Lions responded.

I just want to make sure that I have appealed to all of those out there who might want to be Region Reporters and just haven't taken the time to respond. It's not too late to let me know.

Your work won't actually start until we are putting out the Aug. issue of the Journal as Lion Year 2009-10 Club Secretaries will be on board then and sending in their first reports by the end of July (*that is Aug. Journal preparation time*). E-mail me at skw140@aol.com if you'd like to become part of the Journal staff. It's a good way to learn about clubs in 1-J.

FRG Lioness Club Honors Member

The **Fox River Grove Lioness Club** lost a founding member of its club last fall to cancer and wanted to do something special to honor her. After putting their heads together, they came up with two things.

The club decided to present a Lioness Kay Laube Memorial Scholarship annually to a graduating student, with the first one being awarded last month.

Also, the club will be installing a bench under a tree the Village of Fox River Grove will plant in Picnic River Grove Park to pay tribute to Kay Laube, former Fox River Grove Village President. Plaques will be placed there by the Village and the Lioness Club to honor her.

Don't Get Taken In By This Scam!

The Lions of Illinois MD-1 website posted an item that bears repeating about a very undesirable phishing scam out there!

If you should get e-mail from tagged.com -- DO NOT OPEN IT! It is a Phishing scam that reads people's address books to send e-mail appearing to come from you or one of your friends.

Its intent is to get you to enter personal information. *That is what ALL Phishing scams try to do.*

A Story We'd Bet You Didn't Know!

Villa Park Lion Larry Vogel recently celebrated his 60th year in Lionism. Lion Larry's Lions Club saw that he had a memorable day!

The Village President presented him with a Proclamation naming May 21, 2009 as Lion Larry Vogel Day in Villa Park. Lion Larry was President of the Villa Park Lions Club in the early 1950s and has headed many projects. ZC Lion Mario Gumino presented a Proclamation mentioning Lion Vogel's work towards SightFirst and the Sight Saving Class. Lion Dr. Tracy Williams, Exec. Dir. Of Spectrios Institute for Low Vision (*formerly Deicke Center*), told the group how Lion Vogel was his mentor throughout his growing-up years in Villa Park and how he helped him many times to achieve his goals in low vision. *Now, haven't you learned something?*

Special Mention in 1-J

Melvin Jones Fellows

Crystal Lake Lion Bill Limbach
Glendale Heights Barangay
Lions Dee C. Javier and Orlando Liwanag
Bloomington Lions Cory Vigor,
Mark Bousquet and Sharyn Murphy

Lions of the Year

Crystal Lake Lion Roger Weis
Glendale Heights Barangay
Lions Susan Galvez and Lilia Narciso
Bloomington Lion Kelly Gits

LIF Foundation Fellow

Crystal Lake Lion Nick Parashis

Lions Jim & Joyce Davis Lifetime Service Award

Richmond Lion Kay Smith

District 1-J Convention Appreciation Award in Memory of

PDG Lion Leo Smith, PCC

Presented to Richmond Lion Kay Smith

"Life Is Good"

Clarence Troyer, husband of Wheaton Lion Dorothy Troyer, recently passed away. Dr. Tracy Williams, Wheaton Lion and Exec. Dir. of Spectrios Institute for Low Vision, wrote a tribute about him in the latest Wheaton Lions Club's newsletter, *The Lions' Tales*, which is summarized here.

In 1988, Dorothy Troyer became Deicke Center's Rehabilitation Teacher and later Director of Development. Her husband Clarence immediately offered his services as a volunteer, bringing his skills as a business manager.

Clarence often averaged 40 hrs. a week and worked with great energy, enthusiasm and tremendous skill. Clarence Troyer's legacy will live on through the Volunteer of the Year Award, which given annually, bears his name. Lion Tracy noted that Wheaton Lion Dorothy Troyer remains a faithful volunteer and is a past recipient of the Clarence E. Troyer Volunteer of the Year Award.

Lion Tracy said that Clarence would always say "Life is good," and so it was, and will be, thanks to people like Clarence Troyer.



From the LIF Trustees' Blotters . . .

For The Record: Imagine the music from "Mission Impossible" playing in the background. Lions, Lionesses, Leos, your mission, if you choose to accept it, is to memorize our Lions of Illinois Foundation Vision Statement:

The Vision of Our Lions of Illinois Foundation is to create a permanent vehicle for the delivery of programs and services to the visually and hearing impaired.

We will not disavow any knowledge if you choose not to participate.

Thank You: This will be the last "From the Trustee's Blotter" that I write. For the past 4 years, you have given me the rare opportunity to serve you as a Trustee of your Lions of Illinois Foundation. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you. Through your efforts, our Lions of Illinois Foundation is the premier Lions Foundation throughout the world. Whenever another Lions Foundation needs assistance in order to accomplish a task, they always seek out our Lions of Illinois Foundation first. On behalf of those we serve, I would like to thank each Lion, Lioness, and Leo for supporting your Lions of Illinois Foundation.

Over the past four years, we have yearly served more than 20,000 people throughout Illinois with only a 4% administrative cost. There are few, if any, other Foundations that can beat this number. During this same time, our District continued to be the Number 1 in terms of the dollars we send to our Lions of Illinois Foundation. At least 20% of the Lions of Illinois Foundation budget is paid for through dollars raised in Lions District 1-J. Way to go!

Your Board of Trustees has made many changes over the past four years. We hope these changes will make our Foundation even more successful. When ever I have asked District 1-J Lions, Lionesses, or Leos for something for our Lions of Illinois Foundation, you have answered my call. What can I say but that you are the best of the best.

If there is one thing I would ask you to do, I would ask that you help Lion Bob and Lion John find a way to fund our budget. For over 10 years, your Lions of Illinois Foundation Budget (what we actually spent) has been stuck at \$1.2 million. Adjusting for inflation, the budget should really be at \$1.6 million.

I would like to make a special thank you to my home club, the Aurora Evening Lions Club. I would not have been able to be a Governor and Trustee without your backing.

Finally, but most importantly, I want to thank my wife, Evelyn. Through thick and thin, she has been by my side giving whatever support I needed, whether I ask for it or not. This includes the gentle nudge in the ribs when I would start to get out of line.

Camp Lions: With the end of the 2008-2009 Lions Year approaching, many District 1-J Clubs still have money available for dispersal. I ask that each District 1-J Club sponsor at least one camper to our Camp Lions.

LIF Hearing Bus and Diabetic Retinopathy Unit: For those Clubs scheduled to receive these services, I ask that you please utilize them. It is one of the ways we pay back our communities for supporting us.

Low Vision Clinic: We desperately need District 1-J Clubs to sponsor children at your Low Vision Clinics. The cost to sponsor is \$300 per child. For this small amount, a child receives more than \$1,000 of services and equipment. Each year, more than 100 children from District 1-J have need of this service.

Finale: Once again, thank you. Happy trails to you, until we meet again. As I place the dirty old used blotter back into the drawer for the final time, "Honey, I'm home."

Yours in Lionism,

*PDG Lion Lawrence Krebs
Lions of Illinois Foundation
District 1-J Trustee*

*Look for Trustee PDG Lion Bob Jilke's
message on p. 8. -- ED.*

More Club Briefs You Might Enjoy . . .

Several **Crystal Lake Lions** will be making a trip to Camp Lions again this year. They found it so inspiring the first time they attended that they continue to do so each year. *Why don't some Lions in your club think about it too? Look on the 1-J Calendar for dates of Open Houses and let Alan Wilson at the Foundation know you're coming.*

Bartlett Lions Club will sponsor another 20 campers to Camp Lions this summer at a total cost of \$10,500. The check was presented to a representative of the Lions of IL Foundation at the Walk for Sight earlier this month. This brings the club's total for 2009 to thirty campers that the club has sponsored. *Congratulations, Lions!!*

The **Glendale Heights Barangay Lions Club** donated boxes of rewritable CDs and DVDs for use of campers at this summer's Camp Lions.

District 1-J - Focus on Service & How We Fund It

Central Region

The **Bartlett Lions Club** distributed American flags to 1st graders in the elementary schools. Lions took part in the annual Memorial Day Walk. The club's annual Golf Outing took place in early June. The Lions' Independence Day Parade is planned for July 5th. Five individuals have been provided with eyeglasses and two more have received hearing aids, courtesy of the Bartlett Lions Club. A \$1,000 donation was made to Child's Voice in Wood Dale, a school for hearing-impaired children. A \$250 donation was made to a local Boy Scout for his Eagle Scout project.

Last month was a busy one for **Batavia Lions!** The 1st activity was a Road Clean-Up. Next, five Lions provided cooking manpower and grills for the Valley Sheltered Workshop's Annual Pancake Breakfast. The club sponsored a student with Type I diabetes to a camp in Iowa for youngsters with diabetes. Details are wrapped up for the club's mid-June Golf Outing. Approved donations by the club include: Valley Sheltered Workshop (\$500) and \$300 to LIF for a low vision screening test for an individual in Batavia. Three \$500 Phil J. Becker scholarships were awarded to graduating high school seniors as recognition for community service activities.

The **Burlington Lions Club** celebrated its 50th Anniversary last month. The Burlington Lioness Club, Hampshire Lions and Union Lions were also in attendance. Four Melvin Jones recipients were honored and the club's last remaining charter member. (*See pix on p. 10.*)

The **North Aurora Lions Club** volunteered to help with the NA Portage for the Canoe Race on the Fox River earlier this month.

The **South Elgin Lions Club** tried a few new fundraisers this year -- Poinsettia Sales, Butterbraid Sales, and Drop-N-Shop Daycare. Some were more successful than others, but *hey, you don't know if it will work until you try it!* Summer work parties have started to accomplish the long list of "To Do Items" around the clubhouse. A Meat Spin will be hosted at the end of the month.

The **West Chicago Lions Club** took part in the town's Blooming Fest to improve the appearance of its downtown. Plans are progressing for Railroad Days and Lions will be staffing the Beer Tent. Two Firewood Splitting Parties have been scheduled.

Eastern Region

The **Bloomington Lions Club** presented Detective Bruce Mason the "Bloomington Police Officer of the Year" Award. The club's 3rd Steak Fry served 165 dinners. A total of 275 boxes of Vidalia onions were sold. By the time you read this, the Annual Charity Golf Challenge will be history.

Elmhurst Noon Lions marched in the town's Memorial Day Parade. Lion Walt Teichen is organizing another Fast Ride to benefit victims of fetal alcohol effect. Several Lions assisted at the LIF Walk for Sight in early June.

The **Glen Ellyn Lions Club** assisted the Northern IL Food Bank. A total of 368 pairs of used eyeglasses were collected for recycling. Members participated in the town's Recycling Project.

Glendale Heights Barangay Lions took part in the annual Walk for Sight. The club held its 3rd fundraising trip to Horseshoe Casino in Hammond, Indiana. The 25th Charter Anniversary was celebrated by Lions & spouses, plus special guests, in early May.

The **Lombard Lions Club** awarded \$4,000 in scholarships to four graduating seniors who will major in areas that benefit individuals with disabilities. The club collected 400 pairs of used eyeglasses and 4 hearing aids for recycling. The club raised funds with a food booth at the town's Lilac Parade last month. A float was also entered in the parade.

Itasca Lions are working on the details of the club's golf outing. The club entered a float in the Memorial Day Parade and promoted its up-coming Itasca Fest.

Two thousand dollars in scholarships were awarded recently to graduating seniors by the **Roselle Lions Club**. Lions organized an Annual Spring Clean-Up at the American Legion. Lions, along with several other groups, made up "The Green Team." The club's float in the 50th Annual Rose Parade featured the 2009 Scholarship Winners and the in-coming and out-going Lions Club Presidents. A total of 126 pairs of used eyeglasses were collected for recycling recently. Lions sold 97 books of Sight & Sound Sweepstakes tickets.

Wheaton Lions took part in the Walk for Sight early this month. Members will be participating in the town's 4th of July Parade. They hope to have 50 riders and walkers wearing white polo shirts and Lion aprons. Lion Steve Lederman will be driving his truck and pulling a hay wagon behind it for the Lions.

Wood Dale Lions collected just over \$600 last month for Tootsie Pop Day and donated 60% of it to LIF. The club participated in the town's Memorial Day Parade. A scholarship was awarded to a graduating senior last month and a \$500 donation was approved for the IL Eye Bank.

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Fox River Region

For many years the **Crystal Lake Lions Club** has been part of the Gala Festival in town. This year, there will not be a festival, BUT there will still be a parade and the Lions Club will be responsible for much of it. The club's BIG FLAG will be paraded on Sun., July 5th -- *it takes 20 Lions to handle it and it's quite a sight!* A new bowling fundraiser will likely become an annual event. The club hosted a Golf Outing in early June. An estimated 500 pairs of used eyeglasses have been collected at approximately 15 locations in the area.

The **Dundee Township Lions Club** collected over \$600 for Diabetes Alert. The club has decided this will become an annual event.

Elgin Lions are working hard to make the club's Sept. Golf Outing a success. The club will host the LIF Hearing Bus mid-month. Lions will be marching in the 4th of July Parade. A Diabetes Awareness collection yielded just over \$200 last month. The club also staffed a water station for the Elgin Fox Trot Race.

The initial planning has been done for several summer **Fox River Grove Lions Club** projects -- the Arts & Crafts Fair, Village Fireworks, and a Township Touch-A-Truck event. Lions were able to raise \$500 for Diabetes Education & Research. The club successfully completed the annual Sight & Sound fundraiser. **FRG Lions** met with **FRG Lionesses** to discuss ways to work together and more closely promote Lionism and community involvement.

Hebron Lions Club is planning the 2nd Annual Golf Outing fundraiser to take place in late July. The club's first endeavor was quite successful and encouraged the Lions to plan for another one.

The **Huntley Lions** are working on the final fundraiser of this Lion Year -- the Father's Day Steak Fry. A group of local high school students will help with serving that night. Planning is progressing on the club's Aug. Golf Outing.

The **Island Lake Lions Club** purchased a hearing aid for a local resident. Three requests for eyeglasses and an additional hearing aid has put the club's budget in tight constraints until summer fundraisers produce income. A Summer Garage Sale is being planned. Adopt-A-Highway dates have been set for the season. The band, "Rick Lindy & the Wild Ones" and a DJ have been booked for Cornfest.

Last month, the **Johnsburg Lions Club** participated in the annual Memorial Day Parade with a float. After the parade, a memorial service was held to honor those that served our country. Lions assisted the VFW with a "Picnic in the Park." The monthly Meat Raffle was held early this month. Plans are being made for a Sept. fundraiser -- Banjo Beer.

Richmond Lions are proud of their achievements for the 2008 Small Club of the Year Award that the club received. Approximately \$300 in Easter supplies was given to two local food pantries, compliments of Walgreen's. A \$1,500 scholarship was given to a graduating senior in May. Almost \$1,400 was netted from sales of Candy Bars. Tickets for a raffle of a Bose Sound System are on sale now at \$2 each, or 6 for \$10. Meat & Potato Raffle tickets will be available soon.

Sun City-Huntley Lions will be helping Horizons for the Blind work on building a float for Crystal Lake's July 5th celebration. - A \$100 LIF memorial donation was given in the name of Lion Leo Smith, PDG. Tootsie Pop Day was a success -- over \$2,200 was collected and the club will keep 40%. A total of 131 Sight & Sound Sweepstakes books were sold by the club. Lions participated in the town's Memorial Day Parade with five golf carts filled with Lions. Those who marched handed out candy to children along the parade route.

Lioness Clubs

The **Fox River Grove Lioness Club** presented two scholarships to graduating seniors -- a Lioness scholarship and a Lioness Kay Laube Memorial Scholarship. The club participated in Tootsie Pop Sales last month and also marched as a Lioness group in the Memorial Day Parade. Three used hearing aids and six pairs of used eyeglasses were sent to LIF for recycling.

The **Island Lake Lioness Club** report having doubled their income on this year's Tootsie Pop Day. *Who says the economy's bad?*

Wit & Wisdom

"What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals." -- from the *Richmond Lions -- Phantom Tales*

"Spend less time worrying who's right and more time on what's right." -- From the *West Chicago Lion's Roar*

District 1-J - Focus on Service & How We Fund It

Southeastern Region

The **Aurora Evening Lions Club** continues to collect used eyeglasses and used printer cartridges. Nine eye exams and eyeglasses were approved last month. Twenty Lions worked on Tootsie Pop Days and raised over \$2,500. A donation of almost \$1,550 was made to LIF. A \$500 donation was made to the Wounded Soldiers Golf Outing for a hole sponsorship.

The vending fee has been paid for Downtown Alive! by the **Aurora Noon Lions Club** and Lions will be selling ice cream again this summer. A \$100 donation was approved for support to SVOSH (Student Volunteers for Optometric Service to Humanity). The club is sponsoring a trip for the hearing-impaired to see "Grease" at the Centerlight Theater.

The **Lisle Lions Club** completed another Adopt-A-Road project in early May. The Pancake Breakfast held in mid-May had a good showing of Lions, but community attendance was rather mediocre in spite of much publicity. Four high school seniors were presented with \$500 scholarships. Two of them will get matching funds from Scholarship American because of the college they will be attending. Four jr. high-level students each received a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond. The following donations were approved at the May Board Meeting: \$525 to Camp Lions, \$200 to DONKA, and \$100 to Leader Dog.

Thirteen organizations and the individuals they serve are benefiting from the generosity of the **Naperville Noon Lions Club** -- Beep Baseball, Camp Lions, Chicago Lighthouse, CRIS Radio, Deicke Center (Spectrios Institute for Low Vision), DONKA, Hadley School for the Blind, Hear Us, LIF Annual Night Walk, Lions Project for Canine Companions, Midwest/IL Eye Bank, ORBIS International, and Surgical Eye Expeditions International. *That's great, Lions!!!*

Club Briefs

Donations in memory of Lion Leo Smith came to \$2,100 and they will be used for the **Richmond Lions Club's** Sight & Hearing projects.

Batavia Lions hold an annual Plant Sale (*this year marked the 34th year*). Trucks loaded with hanging baskets and bedding flowers are driven by teams of Lions through the town's neighborhoods and they go door-to-door selling their wares. The sale is held on Mother's Day weekend and it has proven to be the club's largest fundraiser of the year. The remaining baskets & plants were donated to the Batavia Rehabilitation & Health Care Center and Riverrain Housing facility this year.

The **Fox River Grove Lions Club** and the **Fox River Grove Lioness Club** held a joint Board Meeting to discuss plans for taking over the Village Picnic and re-naming the event "Lions' Fest." *Sounds like a good idea if the Village agrees.*

Each year the **Elgin Lions Club** staffs a water station for the Fox Trot 10-mile race. One of their members, incoming Elgin Lion Club President Ed Bates, decided that he would run in the race this year. He let everyone know that he finished first in his age category. *Congratulations, Lion Ed!!*

Elburn Lions Club President Lion Tim Klomhaus reports that his club had a great 300 Raffle in early May. Some different ideas were tried with this raffle and they may help with future ticket sales. He heard a lot of positive comments regarding the new ideas. *Sometimes it's worth looking at what we've been doing just a little differently -- good things can come out of it!*

In an effort to participate in a "Green" project, the **Roselle Lions Club** worked last month along with the American Legion, the Auxiliary, SAL and other Legion organizations to clean up and plant around the Roselle Legion property. The Lions Green Team banner was there! (*See photo on Insert Page.*)

Turnout was much greater than expected for the **Aurora Noon Lions Club's** Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. Several runs were made for additional food & drink. All profits were given to the Aurora Interfaith Food Pantry -- United Way matched the Lions' donation and the Dunham Foundation matched their donations. A total of \$8,000 in donations allowed the Aurora Interfaith Food Pantry to purchase \$48,000 in food. *Very good for a morning's work, Lions!*

Naperville Noon Lions Club has exceeded \$70,000 as of May 30, 2009. This represents over 250 social service cases. The club will be hosting a second day of testing for a group of 50 low income children who will be entering Kindergarten in the fall.

In addition to the time spent by three **Bloomingtondale Lions** working at the Chicago Sandwich Run early this month, the Bloomingtondale Lions Club donated \$1,000 to the project. The **Bloomingtondale Westfield Leos** also donated \$250 that the club earned by working at the Lions' Steak Fry.

Glen Ellyn Lions Club recently added two new members. The 2nd one was sponsored by Lion Don Grant who joined the club on April 21, 2009 -- *looks like he took being a Lion seriously and went right to work!*

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Southwestern Region

The **Cortland Lions Club** is preparing for an Aug. Family Picnic with many activities for adults and children. Plans for a Draw Down Raffle are also being made.

DeKalb Eve. Lions Club Secy. Lion Pam Kelley reports that the club has survived two back-to-back fundraisers -- Rose Day and a Shrub Sale. Next on the agenda will be selling snow cones, and glow-sticks at the 4th of July celebration at Hopkins Park in DeKalb and CornFest in Aug. A \$2,000 scholarship was presented last month to a deserving senior graduating from DeKalb High School.

The **Elburn Lions Club** is progressing with plans for Elburn Days. The 10th annual Lions Ride was held early this month. Owners of Paisano's Pizza will donate 65% of their sales on July 4th as a fundraiser for the Elburn Lions Club.

The **Lee Lions Club** helped with the local Food Pantry by unloading trucks. The club made donations to: Lions of IL Foundation, Summer Sports, a Scholarship, Walk for Sight, and the Food Pantry.

Malta Lions Club has completed its annual Rose Day Sale. Lion Mark Male was the BIG seller of the 300 dozen sold. Proceeds from the sale will be used for Malta Lions Club activities.

The **Maple Park Lions Club** awarded \$2,000 in scholarships to graduating high school seniors.

By this time, the **Sandwich Lions Club** has had its annual Lou Brady Drawdown and provided scholarships for three deserving students at the High School Awards Night. The club also collected for Tootsie Pop Day in early May. Money has been forwarded to LIF to sponsor one person at Camp Lions and a couple of kids in the Low Vision program. From the proceeds of the Pancake Breakfast, the Sandwich District Library was presented with a check for the purchase of large-print books.

All of the **Shabbona Lions Club's** roses were sold for the Mother's Day Rose Sale. A Diabetes Awareness brochure was delivered with each dozen. Sharon at the Kountry Kitchen and Anita at Indian Oaks Country Club also displayed and sold roses for the club's Rose Day. One of the projects Rose Day supports is a \$500 scholarship for a deserving Indian Creek High School graduating senior. A New Member/Guest Night was held in conjunction with the Spring Steak Night last month. Details are being wrapped up for the club's participation in July 4th activities.

The **Sycamore Lions Club** gave out \$2,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors. Six Lions worked at the Foundation in DeKalb sorting eyeglasses. The club purchased \$400 of medical equipment. A \$500 donation was made to American Diabetes Fund and a \$500 donation was made to Meals on Wheels.

Waterman Lions completed a Roadside Clean-Up last month and hosted a dinner for Senior Citizens in their community.



From the LIF Trustees' Blotters . . .

Exciting things happened for District 1-J at the recent State Convention and annual Lions of Illinois Foundation (LIF) breakfast.

Both of your District 1-J Trustees for next year were elected to leadership roles in the Foundation. PDG Lion Bob Jilke was elected President of the LIF Endowment Fund. In this role he will oversee more than \$6 millions in funds and will be responsible for encouraging Lions in Illinois to support the fund so your services to the blind and deaf in Illinois can go on indefinitely. PCC Lion John Landon was elected Treasurer of the Foundation. His role will be to assure the adequate funding for our day to day operations which serve more than 18,000 persons in Illinois every year.

The top prize in the Sight and Sound Sweepstakes was won by a resident of Huntley and sold by Lion Nick Parashis of Crystal Lake. Lion Nick will get \$500 for selling the winning \$5,000 ticket.

The Walk for Sight was completed on June 7. Many District 1-J Lions, as well as other groups, enjoyed a pleasant walk at the Danada Equestrian Center, food, drinks and displays showing the activities of your LIF. Lion John and I will be the co-chairs for next year's Walk. We would like to have a Committee Member from each Region to assist us in making this the best fundraiser ever. If you're interested, please let me know at BLJILKE@aol.com or Lion John at Landon@mcnet.

Please send your club's Board and LIF Chairperson information to the Foundation. And, enjoy your summer and don't forget, "Have Fun Being a Lion."

1-J Foundation Trustee, PDG Lion Bob Jilke

We hope to continue to feature the Leos of District 1-J on their own page. *They are a great group!*

Lions Clubs, who sponsor Leo Clubs, please ask for information on what your Leos are doing and pass it along to the 1-J Journal. Pictures are also very much appreciated.

Leos in 1-J

Leo Clubs

South Elgin Leos had a Bake Sale on May 30th at the 1/2 Price Bingo Night. Leos are helping Lions with Summer Work Parties to fix up the clubhouse. Members will be grilling hot dogs & burgers at Tuna Kahuna on the 13th. Then, on the 14th, the Leos will be hosting an All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network. *Hey, Leos, you're really keeping busy now that school is out!*

Last month, the **Elmhurst Leo Club** packed food and palletized it at the Kids Against Hunger warehouse.

Elburn Leo Club will have its Root Beer Float booth at Elburn Days. *Where can you get anything better?*

(Right) Three **Bloomington Westfield Leos** took part in a Prairie Path Clean-Up with Bloomington Lions and Glendale Heights Barangay Lions. The Leos were presented certificates for doing so. In the back row are Leo Advisors Lions Jerry Bertrand and Sharyn Murphy. The club also helped with the Lions' recent Steak Fry and donated \$250 of the money earned at the Steak Fry to a Chicago Sandwich Run project that the **Bloomington Lions Club** participated in.



Other Items of Note . . .

- ▶ Lion Jess Galvez sent along some photos taken at the Glendale Heights Barangay Lions Club's Hospitality Room at the 1-J District Convention, but they are arranged in a video format rather than individual photos. I am hopeful that I will be able to upload them on Picasaweb for the 1-J website so that you can view them in the same way as the ones I did previously.
- ▶ In order to cut costs, Sandwich Lions Club has now begun sending out its Club Newsletter electronically to all those members with e-mail addresses. *It's great to be able to send out a batch of newsletters with just one "click."*
- ▶ A study on Aging conducted by the Univ. of Michigan and the Institute for Human Development in Berlin states that people generally felt quite a bit younger than they actually were. Those who feel younger are less likely to die than those who feel older. Self-perceptions may well be indicators of resilience in older adults.
- ▶ By signing up for a Lions Clubs International Visa Card, a percentage of every purchase you make will have a direct impact on expanding Lions Clubs programs.

U.S. Lions Clubs members and their immediate family have access to a national hearing health care program. It is available through the Beltone Hearing Health Care Network of 1,400 Preferred Providers across the U.S. The program includes free hearing screening, 15% Retail Discount, and a Lifetime Care Program. Call 800-235-8663 or key in www.beltone.com to learn more about it.

Members can now save 10% off the best available rate at over 6,400 participating hotels around the world with the Hotel Discount Program. Hertz Rent-A-Car also has a program whereby Lions Club members are eligible to receive a 5-20% discounted Hertz rental rate. *Check all of these out on LCI's website, www.lionsclubs.org and search for "Member Benefits."*



Our 1-J Lion Family

Welcome these new Lions & Lionesses to District 1-J – the greatest!!

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Tim Hoeft	Huntley Lions	Lion Scott Ruth
Martha A. Mirek	Sun-City Huntley Lions	Lions Richard & Olive Guerine
Euneta Weeks (mother)	DeKalb Eve. Lions	Lion Dustin Weeks (son)
Robert Thomas	Elburn Lions	Lion Phil Albano
Donna Kearney	Naperville Noon Lions	Lion Paul Rewerts
Sean Obrien	Glen Ellyn Lions	Lion Don Grant
Dan Guerin	Wheaton Lions	Lion Jim Huck
Doug Holzrichter	Wheaton Lions	Lion Karen Lellios



Four Burlington Lions (l to r) PDG Lion Bob Ostrom, Jon Becklinger, Neal Dahl, and Jerry Jones, display their Melvin Jones Fellow Awards at the club's 50th Anniversary celebration. The last Charter Member, Lion Lowell Knief, (r) was also honored. Burlington Lions shared the evening with members from the Burlington Lioness Club and the Hampshire and Union Lions Clubs. PDG Lion Tom Greenwell and ZC Lion John Hilliard were also there.



Bloomington Lions Club Pres. Dan L. Davis, presents Lion Kelly Gits with a Lion of the Year Award. Lion Kelly was installed recently as the 1st female President of the Bloomington Lions Club.



Lion Larry Vogel has been a Lion for 60 years! (See the story about him on p. 3.)

(Top) Dr. Tracy Williams of Spectrios Institute for Low Vision tells what an inspiration Lion Larry has been to him over the years.



(Bottom) The Mayor of Villa Park presented Lion Larry Vogel with a Proclamation proclaiming May 21, 2009, as Lion Larry Vogel Day in Villa Park.

Illinois JCI Senator Chris Svitak presents 2008-09 Westmont Lions Club President, Lion Dr. Renee E. Reeder, with an Illinois Jaycees' Outstanding Young People plaque.



The Illinois Jaycees Senate awards up to 10 people per year. Dr. Reeder's nomination will automatically be forwarded to the United States Jaycees for consideration as one of Ten Outstanding Young Americans.

Dr. Reeder is employed by the Illinois College of Optometry in Chicago where she is an Associate Professor and is Chief of the Cornea Center for Excellence. She has received many honors and awards for her cutting-edge teaching and has presented many papers on research involving eye diseases, specifically, diseases of the cornea.

WHAT'S GOIN' ON — IN 1-J

- Jun. 14 **South Elgin Leo Club** is hosting an All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast at the Lions Clubhouse to benefit the Children's Miracle Network. Serving from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. \$7 for Adults / \$5 for Seniors over 60 / \$3 for Children 6-11 and free for Children 5 & under. If you have questions, call Leo Advisor Lion Angie De Leon at 847-888-9575
- Jun. 19 1st **Lions of Algonquin** Golf Outing at Golf Club of Illinois, 1575 Edgewood Dr., Algonquin. \$125 will buy 18 holes of golf (format scramble), golf cart and range, plus dinner and prizes. Registration form on club website: www.lionsclubofalgonquin.org *Registrations were due by June 12, 2009.*
- Jun. 19 **Hampshire Lions Club** Golf Outing -- *check with a Hampshire Lion for details.*
- Jun. 19-20 Ice Cream Sales by the **Aurora Noon Lions Club**. Fri. night is Downtown Alive! And Sat. is Blues on the Fox.
- Jun. 26 Cookin' on the Grill Meat Spin -- hosted by the **South Elgin Lions Club**.
- Jul. 2 Freedom Days Health Fair at Valley West Community Hospital. Look for **Sandwich Lions** there in the afternoon.
- Jul. 4 Pork Chop BBQ Supper, hosted by the **Shabbona Lions Club**, and served at 4:30 PM at the Depot. The Lions will have a booth at Purdy Park selling Spin Art. There'll be fireworks later in the evening.
- Jul. 5 The **Crystal Lake Lions Club** will be parading its BIG flag down Dole Avenue in Crystal Lake -- *check with a CL Lion for the time.*
- Jul. 5 The Lions' Independence Day Parade in Bartlett will be supervised today by the **Bartlett Lions Club**.
- Jul. 6 - 10 **LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION** in Minneapolis MN -- *last Midwest Convention for a while!*
- Jul. 9-12 "Itasca-Fest," hosted by the **Itasca Lions Club**.
- Jul. 9-12 West Chicago Rail Road Days at Reed Keppler Park. *Stop at the West Chicago Lions' Beer Tent.* The Parade's scheduled to take place on the 12th.
- Jul. 10 **CAMP LIONS OPEN HOUSE** at Dubois Camp, 2651 Quarry Rd., DuBois, IL (*Note revised date.*)
- Jul. 23 **LIONS DISTRICT 1-J ANNUAL GOLF OUTING** at Hughes Creek, 1749 Spring Valley Drive, Elburn. Shotgun Start at 10 AM with a Scramble Format. Fee of \$75 includes cart, golf, lunch, prizes and a steak dinner. Reservations are required. Call Lion Bob Fowler at 847-370-1621 and leave a message.
- Jul. 24 **CAMP LIONS OPEN HOUSE** at East Bay Camp, 24248 Ron Smith Memorial Hwy., Hudson IL (NE of Bloomington IL) (*Note revised date.*)
- Jul. 28 **Hebron Lions Club** Golf Outing fundraiser at Oak Grove Golf Course, Harvard IL. \$80 for sandwich buffet lunch, cart, & 18 holes of golf. Hole sponsorship -- \$50. Contact Lion Chris Olson at 815-378-2914 for more information.
- Jul. 31 **CAMP LIONS OPEN HOUSE** at Camp Reynoldswood, 621 Reynoldswood Rd., Dixon IL
- Aug. 1 Shotgun Start at 12 Noon -- **Lions of IL Foundation 16th Annual Golf Outing** at Railside Golf Course, 120 W. 19th St. Gibson City IL. \$75.00 Entry Fee includes Buffet Lunch at 11 AM, 18 holes of golf, cart, evening banquet, free beverage on the course and prizes for everyone. All proceeds will support the LIF Low Vision Program.
- Aug. 5 **Huntley Lions Club** Golf Outing -- \$75 includes golf and a steak dinner at Pinecrest. Contact Lion Norm Brettschneider for particulars & tickets.
- Aug. 8 Hybrid Car Show, hosted by the **Bloomington Lions Club**, at DuJardin School from 10 AM to 2 PM.
- Aug. 16 *Please note date change if previously recorded* -- **Cortland Lions Club** Family Picnic at Cortland Community Park from 1-5 PM (food served between 1 PM and 3 PM). \$10 per person with children 12 & under FREE for food, drinks & entertainment for adults & children alike. Tickets available through Cortland Lions Club at 815-909-0218 or lionjohncortland@verizon.net.
- Aug. 16 Cornfest hosted by **Island Lake Lions Club** today. *LIF Hearing Bus will be there!*
- Aug. 17 **LIF Candy Day Jamboree** at Roselle American Legion Hall. Candy will be available for pickup. Club Presidents will receive detailed information and order sheets before long.
- Aug. 21-23 Elburn Days -- hosted by the **Elburn Lions Club**. *Mark your calendar now! It's a fun time!*

Around the District



Roselle Lions Club Pres. Lion Jim Erickson presented Lion Kathy Fitzgerald with

an Outstanding Achievement Award for her six years of dedication as the club's Newsletter Editor.



The Itasca Lions Club awarded retiring Mayor of Itasca, Claudia "Gigi" Gruber, a Melvyn Jones Award, for all her support of the Itasca Lions during her 16 years as Mayor of Itasca. Pictured (l to r) Lions Club Pres. Lion Bob Olender, Mayor Gigi Gruber and 50 Year Member, Lion Ed Schubel, who not only gave her the award but was her grammar school teacher. *I bet he's proud!*

Itasca Lion Martin Jones (flipping), Lion Mark Stelter (pouring) and Lion Joe Spapperi (observing) -- *well somebody has to do the hard jobs!*



The Lions held their breath as the famous (club-made) "Pancake-O-Matic" provided another year of service! Over 300 hungry eaters were served that morning.

Lombard Lion Paul Friedrichs, Exec. Dir. of the Park District, invited the Lombard Lions Club to hold its general meeting at the pool.



Besides sharing a number of pizzas, members were given a tour of the Pool area before it officially opened in June. *Take a look at those palm trees -- in Lombard IL!*

New Club Officers have been duly installed at the McHenry Lions Club.



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Here, Roselle Lions and friends proudly carry this very large American Flag at the Rose Fest Parade. Several clubs in District 1-J have acquired one of these super-sized flags for using in local parades. It takes 20 Lions to carry the flag down the parade route, but what an impact it makes on spectators!

PASS THE WORD . . . The 1-J Journal is on the District 1-J web-



Crystal Lake Lions Club and the Lexi Kazian Foundation, Helping from Heaven in Vernon Hills, cooperated in purchasing a specialized mobile chair for Frankie Montanero. The Montaneros were guests of the club to thank them for helping obtain Frankie's chair. Pictured are Anthony and Beth Montanero and their sons, Frankie (l) and Mitchell, ®.

Crystal Lake Lion Art Pears shows just some of the nearly 500 pairs of eyeglasses collected by the club from its many collection points around town.



PDG Lion Ron Fangusaro chats with Eeva Simula, an exchange student from Finland, about her travels. Eeva stayed with Lions Perry & Sue Knutson a few days before she went to her host family and attended the Bloomingdale Lions' Installation Night dinner with them.

Lisle Lion PDG Lion Charlie Williams checks in the club's past year's collection of pull tabs. Lion Mario Gumino accepted five one-gallon milk jugs full of tabs for recycling by the Foundation. *It all counts up!*



Aurora Noon Lions' Breakfast with the Easter Bunny had a wonderful turnout, nearly double that of previous years! Several runs were made for additional food and drink.

'Round the District PIX



"Be Aware of the Lions" was the theme for the Itasca Lions Club's float in the town's Memorial Day Parade. Several Lions marched behind the

float and handed out candy and threw small flying disks to promote the club's up-coming Itasca Fest.



Five golf carts were the main mode of transportation for the Sun City-Huntley Lions in the Huntley Memorial Day Parade.

Sun City-Huntley Lions wait for their turn to march in the Memorial Day Parade. Looks like Huntley Lions are doing the same as Huntley Lion Andy Pertiet is on the left waiting with his club's flag.



It's Lilac Festival time! Lombard Lions Club operates a Bratwurst Stand and also sells hot dogs, popcorn and their favorite -- cotton candy! Lion Bob Lehman gets to operate the machine, that is, until he becomes too covered with cotton candy.

Roselle Lions organized an Annual Spring Clean-Up at the American Legion. Lions, along with several other groups, made up "The Lions Green Team."

